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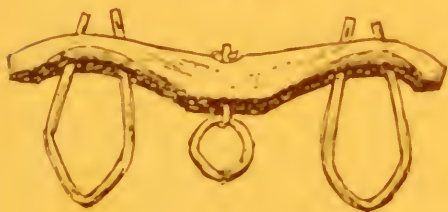
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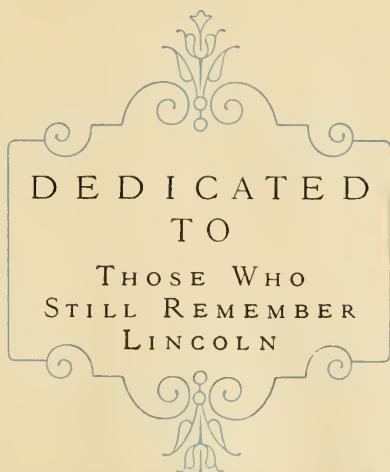
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To Hon Mr Hale Thompson  
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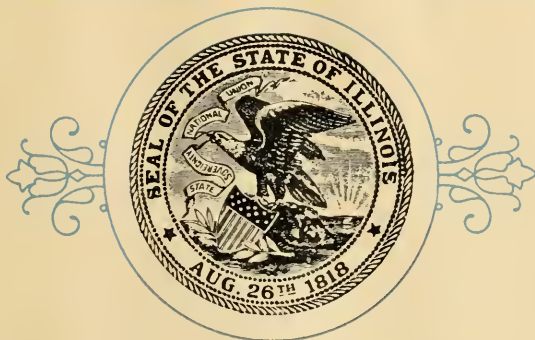


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# LINCOLN · AS · ILLINOIS KNEW · HIM

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LINCOLN Park in Chicago is the greatest monument ever created in the name of Lincoln, and when the Commissioners of the park in 1927 built the Administration Building they determined that there should be placed in it a portrait of Lincoln worthy of him, worthy of the Park and worthy to be associated with the famous St. Gaudens monument already located in the Park. There are still alive a few people who had ample opportunity to see the great emancipator and who remember him clearly. In

only a few years none of them will remain. It was hoped that a picture could be created which would meet with the appreciation of those remaining associates of Lincoln.

William Patterson, who had already made several pictures of Lincoln, many of them in miniature, was commissioned to paint the portrait and how well he has succeeded is best shown by the letters bound in this volume. About the only limitation placed upon Mr. Patterson was that he paint Lincoln as Illinois knew him, and as Lincoln did not have a beard until four or five months before he left Illinois, he has been painted without the beard.

The portrait is based upon a photograph made in Springfield in 1858 but modified slightly as the artist in painting the picture, studied many photographs, paintings and drawings and the mask of Lincoln in the Library in the Centennial Building at Springfield, Illinois.

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# THE COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN PARK

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TESTIMONIAL  
LETTERS







## THE LINCOLN FOUNDATION

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Dear Mr Jackson:

Mr Wm. Patterson whom I have known for years as a portrait painter and who has painted a number of excellent portraits of Abraham Lincoln, invited me to see a picture he has recently finished for the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln Park, Chicago.

With many other Springfield citizens, I took advantage of the opportunity to see the portrait.

I have since talked with those who were intimately acquainted with Lincoln when he lived in Springfield, all of whom pronounce it an exceptionally good likeness of the subject.

For many years I have been interested in historical things pertaining to Lincoln and have made a close study particularly of Lincoln pictures.

After careful study of the portrait and by comparison with many original photographs, a number of which I have in my private collection, I have come to the conclusion that the picture just completed by Mr Patterson is one of the best if not the strongest portrait I have ever seen of Abraham Lincoln.

Sincerely,

May 19, 1927

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. C. Thompson".

*Letter of J. C. THOMPSON*



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Myers Building, Capital 795

Springfield, Ill.

May 16, 1927.

Commissioners of Lincoln Park,  
Chicago,  
Illinois.

Gentlemen:

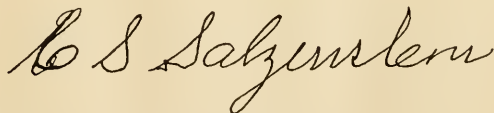
I knew ABRAHAM LINCOLN from the year of 1858 up to the time that he was elected President and moved from Springfield to Washington.

I was always a great admirer of MR. LINCOLN and took advantage of every opportunity to be present where he was to speak. I heard him in one of his debates with Stephen A. Douglas and on numerous occasions during his campaign for President.

For a few years I was employed in my Uncle's store at Athens, Illinois, a small town on the road between Springfield and Petersburg where MR LINCOLN often attended court, and I remember distinctly an incident which occurred when Mr. Lincoln with a party of friends were driving thru town; came into our store and borrowed an axe. Later, returning with the axe but it was broken and Mr. Lincoln insisted on paying for the damages, which my uncle refused to accept.

Today I was invited to view a protrait of LINCOLN, painted by Mr. William Patterson for Lincoln Park, Chicago. I was pleased to have the opportunity to see the picture and can say it is a splendid likeness of the subject as I knew him when he lived in Springfield. I never saw a protrait I liked better of ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Very truly yours,



Letter of C. S. SALZENSTEIN





MASONIC TEMPLE  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

May 12 1927.

Commissioners of Lincoln Park,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

I was invited by Mr. William Patterson, the Artist, to see a portrait of Abraham Lincoln he has painted for Lincoln Park, Chicago.

As a boy, I was an enthusiastic member of a boys, Lincoln Young America Wide Awake Club, during Lincoln's campaign for President and heard him deliver his farewell address when he left for Washington.

I have a distinct recollection of his appearance at the time and think the portrait I have just seen is an excellent likeness as he appeared at that time.

Yours very truly,

*Letter of B. F. TALBOTT*





JAMES M. GARLAND

GENERAL AGENT

LOCK BOX 246

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

April 25th, 1927.

TO COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN PARK:

Chicago Illinois.

Gentlemen:

I called at the St. Nicholas Hotel, today to see a portrait of Abraham Lincoln, painted by William Patterson, to be placed in the administration building in Lincoln Park Chicago.

I was well acquainted with Mr. Lincoln from my early boyhood days up to the time he was elected president, and left Springfield for Washington.

For some years I was book-keeper in the store of E. B. Hawley, where Lincoln traded. I had occasion to meet him frequently in the store and in his office where I went to collect his account. I can truthfully say, that the portrait I saw today is not only good, but is the best likeness I ever saw of Lincoln,

JMG:B

Sincerely yours,

*Letter of J. M. GARLAND*







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W. P. THAYER, CLERK

OFFICE, 517 EAST WASHINGTON STREET, GOREY'S SHOE STORE

SPRINGFIELD, ILL..

May 13, 1927.

Commissioners of Lincoln Park,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sirs:

I have lived in an near Springfield all my life. I had the opportunity on different occasions of seeing Abraham Lincoln, hearing him speak and shaking hands with him during his presidential campaign. I was at the Wabash Railway Station the day he left Springfield for Washington and heard his farewell address. I think the portrait I saw today which was painted by Wm. Patterson is a true likeness as I remember him when he lived in Springfield.

Yours very truly,

*W P Thayer**Letter of W. P. THAYER*



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EDWARD D. KEYS  
PRESIDENT

April 22nd, 1927.

Commissioners of Lincoln Park,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

I was invited by Mr. William Patterson, Artist, of Chicago, to call and see an oil portrait of Lincoln. I called and Mr. George Pasfield of this City accompanied me. I was very much interested in the picture and very glad, indeed, to see it, as I lived within a block of the Lincoln family when Mr. Lincoln lived in Springfield and attended school with his two boys, Will and Ted, Will being about my age then. I heard Mr. Lincoln deliver his Farewell Address when he left Springfield, and it certainly took an important place in my memory.

I have gotten away from the subject of the picture, but I was certainly very much pleased with it in every way and I do not think I have seen any picture that please me more than this has. Sometime when I am in Chicago, I hope to see it hanging in the Administration Building of your Lincoln Park Board.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,  
*Edward D. Keys.*

EDK:MC'B

P. S. I saw the picture in Mr. Patterson's Room at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

*Letter of EDWARD D. KEYS*



Springfield, Illinois,  
April 24th 1927.

Mr. David H. Jackson,  
Chicago, Illinois,

Dear Sir:-

This morning I was invited to call at the St. Nicholas Hotel of this city, to see a portrait of Abraham Lincoln, painted by Mr. William Patterson, of Chicago, for Lincoln Park, Chicago.

My father's family lived next door to the Lincoln home for about fifteen years; our families were intimately acquainted. Very soon after Mr. Lincoln's nomination to the Presidency of the United States he appointed my brother, Harrison W. Gourley, to a position in the Custom House at New York City, where he afterwards served for many years as Deputy Clerk, finally retiring from that position shortly after his eightieth birthday.

I was very much pleased to have the opportunity to see this portrait of Mr. Lincoln, and consider it the most characteristic likeness of any I have seen of him.

Yours very truly,

*(Miss) Martha Gourley Gehlman*

*Letter of MARTHA GOURLEY GEHLMAN*



ISAAC R. DILLER.  
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AND INSURANCE  
214½ SOUTH SIXTH STREET

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. May 12th 1927

Commissioners of Lincoln Park  
Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:-

Yesterday I had the pleasure of seeing the portrait of Abraham Lincoln painted by William Patterson, which I understand is to hang in the Administration Building in Lincoln Park, Chicago. As a boy I lived only a block from the Lincoln home and played with Willie and Tad. I have an invitation to a party given for Willie dated December 22nd 1860, which was written and addressed to me in Mrs Lincoln's own handwriting, which I very highly treasure. I remember Mr Lincoln coming into the parlor where the children were playing, and also saw him on other occasions. The portrait by Mr Patterson, I consider a good likeness as I remember him.

Yours truly

*Isaac R. Diller*

*Letter of ISAAC R. DILLER*







SPRINGFIELD, ILL. May 17, 1927

Commissioners of Lincoln Park,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs:

I came to Springfield in 1852 and have made  
Springfield my home since that time.

I became acquainted with Lincoln about the  
year of 1854 and knew him up to the time he was  
elected President and left Springfield.

I saw Abraham Lincoln many times before  
and during his campaign for President. I was Captain  
of the Junior Lincoln Wide Awakes, and attended most  
of the political meetings in Springfield and many  
that were held in other towns where Lincoln spoke.  
Heard him in debates with Stephen A. Douglass, his  
"House divided against itself" speech, and his  
Farewell Address the day he left Springfield for  
Washington.

Yesterday I was invited to see a portrait  
of Lincoln painted by Wm. Patterson for Lincoln Park,  
Chicago. I enjoyed looking at the picture and think  
it is a true likeness of the subject in every respect.

Yours truly,

*William B. Baker*

*Letter of WILLIAM B. BAKER*



DEWITT W. SMITH  
625 SOUTH SECOND STREET  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

April 25, 1927.

To The Commissioners of Lincoln Park,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:-

This is to certify that I have carefully inspected the portrait of Abraham Lincoln painted by Mr. Wm. Patterson, which he informs me is intended for your honorable body.

I knew Mr. Lincoln from my earliest recollection, about the year 1850, until the day he departed from Springfield to be inaugurated President of the United States. During the last five years of Mr. Lincoln's life in Springfield I had occasion to see him at his home, on the streets, and at social gatherings etc. almost daily, and knew him as a boy of that period might be expected to know a man so much older than himself.

Among the many portraits of Mr. Lincoln which I have seen I regard the one above referred to as one of the very best portrayals of Mr. Lincoln's face as the people of Springfield knew him during the last years of his life among them.

I am

Respectfully,

*Dewitt W. Smith*

*Letter of DEWITT W. SMITH*





SPRINGFIELD, ILL. May 17, 1927

Commissioners of Lincoln Park,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sirs:

I came to Springfield in the year of 1857  
from Kentucky and have lived here ever since.

My first impression of Abraham Lincoln  
was during 1857 or 1858. I saw him very often  
on the streets of Springfield, heard him speak  
during his presidential campaign, and frequently  
saw him play hand ball. On one occasion ran  
an errand for him, for which he gave me a  
quarter, two bitts as he called it.

Today I saw the portrait of Lincoln,  
which Mr. Patterson has painted for Lincoln Park,  
Chicago. I consider it a good likeness as I  
remember him.

Yours truly,

*Jno F. Bretz*

*Letter of JNO. F. BRETZ*























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